

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first sentence in paragraph 044 as follows:

[044] As best seen in FIGS. 21-22, the rear portion 49 includes a bridge 60 having an exit hole 62 ~~48~~ that has a shape that is similar to hole 43. The tube guide 47 and the bridge 60 cooperate to capture the extension tube respectively at its entrance and exit points to the channel 46. This assures the extension tube 40 cannot be grasped and pulled out of the earpiece. This is an important feature of the present invention as it helps to assure that the cannula will remain secured to the earpiece via the extension tube 40, which can only be removed by pulling the extension tube 40 in a direction toward the cannula and out of the earpiece via the tube guide hole 43.

Please amend paragraph 045 as follows:

[045] As best seen in FIG. 21, the recessed channel 46 terminates at the hole 48. In this regard, the channel 46 rises upward through the hole 48 to form a ramp 64 with about a forty-five degree upward slant. This is an important feature of the present invention as the ramp 64 is structured to cause the extension tube 40 to be pressed against the flat top surface of the exit hole 62 ~~48~~ with sufficient force to wedge the tube 40 against this surface. In this regard, the wedging force is sufficient to retain or secure the extension tube 40 between the two holes, the exit hole 62 ~~48~~ and tube guide ~~48~~ hole 43 but not such a sufficient force as to prevent the extension tube 40 from being pulled back and forth through the two holes for distance adjustment purposes. In this manner the patient P or a health care provider (not shown) may adjust the distance between the nasal cannula 32 and the ear piece 44 to help position the nasal cannula 32 in proper position relative to the nostrils of the patient P for delivery of fluids to the lungs of the patient P.